

**Official Submission for  
The State of Wyoming**

**DOT-GRANTS-091505-001**

**CFDA Number 20.514**

**State Coordination Grants Component of the  
United We Ride Initiative**

**Submitted Wednesday, November 23, 2005**

## STATE OF WYOMING

### UNITED WE RIDE STATE COORDINATION GRANT PROPOSAL

1. **Mission:** To assist Wyoming communities in promoting transportation independence and opportunity to the elderly, persons with disabilities and transportation-dependent.
2. **Strategy:** Wyoming's strategy for conducting a Framework for Action is:
  - a. To conduct a statewide assessment of current public transportation needs and services.
  - b. To outreach to interested public and private agencies and entities, transit providers and citizens in five regions leading to the establishment of regional coordinating councils.
  - c. To conduct an evaluation of proven client ridership, referral and financial tracking system.
3. This grant will provide funding to:
  - Retain a qualified consultant to conduct a statewide assessment of current public transportation needs and services;
  - Conduct regional public meetings and related correspondence to begin process of establishing regional coordinating councils;
  - Meet the costs of travel and related items associated with evaluation of a proven client ridership, referral and financial tracking system.
4. Through the assessment portion of the strategy outreach will work toward gathering all state agencies to cooperate and join in the planning process. As the designated lead agency it is our thought that most state agencies and other partners will be likely to respond to our outreach efforts.
5. The state action plan will, by involving regional coordinating councils made up of multi-disciplinary representatives, provide the framework for meaningful involvement through the enhancement of transportation opportunities for consumers.
6. Outreach efforts will include involvement by state, regional and local emergency responders to identify and plan for transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes during a natural or man-made disaster

7. The proposed project time-line is as follows:
  - a. January '06 – contract with a qualified consultant to conduct a statewide assessment. Completion date June 30, 2006.
  - b. Organizational and working meetings:
    1. March – May '06 – conduct preliminary regional organization meetings with interested individuals and groups.
    2. June-September '06 – creation and establishment of regional transportation coordinating councils.
  - c. Evaluation of the client ridership, referral system. April – August of 2006.
8. Proposed planning project budget:
  - a. Statewide assessment -- \$17,500.  
Retain qualified consultant to conduct a statewide assessment of current needs and services available.
  - b. Regional coordinating efforts/meetings . . . . \$7,500  
Necessary communications, travel and meeting costs associated with conducting five separate regional preliminary and organizational meetings.
  - c. Evaluation of the client ridership, referral system . . . \$10,000  
Travel and meeting, and related costs, necessary to conduct evaluation of referral, ridership, financial tracking and reporting system.
  - d. Total planning project costs . . . \$35,000

DAVE FREUDENTHAL  
GOVERNOR

THE STATE



OF WYOMING

STATE CAPITOL  
CHEYENNE, WY 82002

## Office of the Governor

November 7, 2005

Mr. Lee Waddleton  
Region 8 Director  
Federal Transit Administration  
12300 West Dakota Ave., Suite 310  
Lakewood, CO 80228-2583

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Dear Mr. Waddleton:

As Governor of the State of Wyoming, I hereby designate the Office of Local Government Coordination of the Wyoming Department of Transportation as "lead agency/contact" for the State Coordination Planning Grants component of the United We Ride initiative (UWR).

Since this office presently handles the Federal Transit Administration programs administered by your office, it is the logical choice for this additional transportation-related responsibility.

Sincerely,

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Dave Freudenthal  
Governor

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cc: John F. Cox, Director, Wyoming Department of Transportation



# Wyoming Department of Health

Dave Freudenthal, Governor

Brent D. Sherard, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director and State Health Officer

November 22, 2005

Ref: S-2005-860

Lee Waddleton, Region VIII Director  
Federal Transit Administration  
12300 West Dakota Avenue, Suite 310  
Lakewood, CO 80228-2583

Dear Mr. Waddleton:

This letter is written in support of the Wyoming Department of Transportation's statewide assessment and planning project for coordinated public transportation for persons with disabilities, the elderly and the transportation needy. The Wyoming Department of Health plans to participate fully in this outreach to improve services for all of Wyoming's communities.

This study appears to be the beginning of a much better coordinated transit program throughout the state. While there are provisions for rides in most of Wyoming's cities and towns, there is a need for a more coordinated program among all transit providers – both privately- and governmentally-funded. Wyoming residents would benefit greatly from this study and the effort to improve their access to public transportation.

Sincerely,

Brent D. Sherard, M.D., M.P.H., Director and State  
Health Officer  
Wyoming Department of Health

BDS/RD/jg

c: Richard W. Douglass, Local Governmental Coordinator, Wyoming Department of Transportation

STATE OF WYOMING  
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES

*Dave Freudenthal, Governor*  
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November 21, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

Ref: RM-05-259

Dear Sirs:

This letter is written in support of the Wyoming Department of Transportation's statewide assessment and planning project for coordinated public transportation for persons with disabilities, the elderly and the transportation needy. It is our plan to participate fully in this outreach to improve services for all of Wyoming's communities.

This study appears to be the beginning of a much better coordinated transit program throughout the state. While there are provisions for rides in most of our cities and towns, there is a need for a more coordinated program among all transit providers—both privately- and governmentally-funded. Our people would benefit greatly from this study and the effort to improve our access to public transportation.

Sincerely,

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Rodger McDaniel  
Director

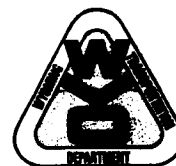
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Dave Freudenthal  
Governor

# Department of Transportation

State of Wyoming



John F. Cox  
Director

November 21, 2005

Richard W. Douglass  
Local Government Coordinator  
Wyoming Department of Transportation  
5300 Bishop Boulevard  
Cheyenne, WY 82009-3340

Dear Rich:

This letter is written in support of the Wyoming Department of Transportation's statewide assessment and planning project for coordinated public transportation for persons with disabilities, the elderly, and the transportation needy. It is our plan to participate fully in this outreach to improve services for all of Wyoming's communities.

This study appears to be the beginning of a much better coordinated transit program throughout the state. While there are provisions for rides in most of our cities and towns, there is a need for a more coordinated program among all transit providers--both privately and governmentally-funded. Our people would benefit greatly from this study and the effort to improve our access to public transportation.

Sincerely,

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John F. Cox  
Director

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November 21, 2005

Mr. Rich Douglass, Local Government Coordinator  
Department of Transportation  
State of Wyoming  
5300 Bishop Boulevard  
Cheyenne, WY 82240

Dear Rich,

I am writing this letter to support the Wyoming Department of Transportation's statewide assessment and planning project for coordinating public transportation for persons with disabilities, the elderly, and the transportation needy. Our transit program will participate in order to improve services in Goshen County.

It is my hope that Goshen County residents would benefit from this study to improve access to public transportation. Please let me know when meetings are scheduled so that I can attend and participate. Further, I would be happy to host one of these meetings.

Sincerely,

  
Jeri A. Bottenfield, Director





# Wyoming Department of Health

Dave Freudenthal, Governor

Brent D. Sherard, M.D., M.P.H.,  
Director and State Health Officer

November 17, 2005

REF: M-2005-500

Richard Douglass  
Local Government Coordinator  
Wyoming Department of Transportation  
5300 Bishop Boulevard  
Cheyenne, WY 82009-3340

Dear Mr. Douglass:

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of the Wyoming Department of Transportation's statewide assessment and planning project for coordinated public transportation for persons with disabilities, the elderly and the transportation needy. The Aging Division is committed to participating in any appropriate way in this outreach to improve services for all of Wyoming's communities.

It is my understanding that this new initiative will be instrumental in developing a more fully coordinated transit program throughout the state. While there are provisions for rides in most of our cities and towns, there is a need for a more coordinated program among all transit providers, whether funded privately or through government resources. Elderly and physically disabled people would benefit greatly from this study and the subsequent efforts to improve access to public transportation.

Sincerely,

Beverly J. Morrow, MPA  
Administrator

BJM:rd

c: Tim Ernst, Title III-B Program Manager

## Aging Division

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# Wyoming Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities

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122 W. 25th Street \* Herschler Building Room 1608 \* Cheyenne, WY 82002

November 16, 2005

Richard Douglass,  
WYDOT Local Government Coordinator  
5300 Bishop Boulevard  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009

Dear Richard:

As Executive Director of the Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, I am writing in support of the Wyoming Department of Transportation's statewide assessment and planning project for coordinated public transportation for persons with disabilities, the elderly and the transportation needy.

It is our plan to participate fully in this outreach to improve services for all of Wyoming's communities. This study appears to be the beginning of a better coordinated transit program throughout the state. While there are provisions for rides in most of our cities and towns, there is a need for a more coordinated program among all transit providers, both privately and governmentally funded. Our Wyoming citizens would benefit greatly from this study and the effort to improve access to public.

A frequent problem that we hear in our office and at our statewide community forums is in regard to the lack of public transit services and resources that would assist a person with a disability. Transportation plays a critical role in providing access to employment, medical and health care, education, community services and other amenities. A coordinated and cost effective transportation system is essential for persons with disabilities. We support the Wyoming Department of Transportation in this project and will work with them to coordinate efforts in expanding Wyoming's awareness of available services, supports and best practices for people with disabilities.

Please contact us if we can be of further assistance with the grant application or project.

Sincerely,



Brenda Oswald  
Executive Director  
Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities

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November 17, 2005

Mr. Richard W. Douglass  
Local Government Coordinator  
Wyoming Department of Transportation  
5300 Bishop Boulevard  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Mr. Douglass:

This letter is to support the Wyoming Department of Transportation's statewide assessment and planning project for coordinated public transportation for persons with disabilities, the elderly and the transportation needy. This study is a needed first step to define a much better coordinated transit program throughout the state. While there are provisions for rides in most of our cities and towns, there is a need for a more coordinated program among all transit providers -- both privately- and governmentally-funded. Wyoming people would benefit greatly from this study and the effort to improve our access to public transportation.

My organization is responsible for diversifying and building Wyoming's economy. We recognize that an integrated transportation system is an essential element to provide workers for business and the general commerce in the state.

Sincerely,

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Tucker Fagan  
Chief Executive Officer

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November 17, 2005

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Cheyenne, WY 82009-3340  
Local Government Coordinator  
Mr. Richard W. Douglass

Dear Sirs:

This letter is written in support of the Wyoming Department of Transportation's Statewide assessment and subsequent planning project for coordinated public transit for persons with disabilities, the elderly and the transportation needy. It is our plan to participate fully in this outreach to improve services for all of Wyoming's communities.

This study appears to be the beginning of a much better coordinated transit program throughout Wyoming. While there are provisions for rides in most of our cities and towns, there is a need for more coordinated program among all transit providers. This includes private, public and government funded agencies.

Our people would benefit greatly from this study and the effort to improve our access to public transportation.

Respectfully,



Sean F. Solan, President  
WYTRANS

cc: John Black, Wydot LGP Office  
Steve Kurtz, WYTRANS Consultant



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